## **FISCAL NOTE**

# HB 2684 - SB 2613

January 29, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Includes the following medals for the war in Iraq as a *qualifying period of armed conflict* for the purpose of providing educational assistance benefits (tuition waiver) for dependents of POWs or deceased veterans:

- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal;
- Air Force Expeditionary Medal; and
- Combat Medic Badge.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

## **Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant**

The addition of these named medals will not add a new class of recipients to the fee waiver program. It is assumed that the number of dependents who would fall into this category is relatively small; therefore, to allow these dependents to attend a higher education institution without cost is estimated to be a not significant impact on state government expenditures.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director